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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that applicants' attorney be advised of the current status of the above-identified application as well as the anticipated date of action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. An application was filed with an executed Declaration on August 25, 2003.

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